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Welcome to another round of "AR". This will be the last regular issue of the year. In two weeks the annual will be put together and will be in your hands by Christmas. For those that are not getting the annual, I will be taking a month off after that project and return to a regular schedule with an issue on 1/13 which will feature a live report on the WWF tapings which take place on 1/7 in Daytona Beach.

This will be your last chance to order the annual as an order form is in this issue. Besides all the other writers listed last ish, I've added Annie Roberts and a piece entitled, "Tale of A Titan" which is about Vincent K. McMahon. To all contributors, a reminder that your deadline is 12/15.

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WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

Friday, November 22, 1991

Orlando Arena

Orlando, FL

Opening Match

Chris Chavis defeated Kato in 11:48. Paul Diamond looks real different. At first, I wasn't even sure it was him under the hood. It was kind of slow but the moves they did were pretty good. They announced that this was Chavis's first pro match. Boy, whoever trained him did a good job. Didn't miss one move. Finish saw Kato thwart a sunset flip but when he raised his arms in a token of victory, Chavis hooked his arms and scored the pinfall. **

Tag Team Match

Beverly Brothers beat The Rockers in 15:06. What a disappointment. It looks like Bloom and Enos fit into that category that if they find a fed that doesn't make them work, they won't. Lazy as hell. And as far as the Genius as a manager, Chris Qualmann hit it right on the head with, "Poffo is invisible." Last two minutes were hot and finish saw Michaels reverse a small package that he thought Bloom had on Marty but Marty had it and it caused Jannetty to get pinned. Clever finish. They had words after. *

3rd Match

Skinner beat Jimmy Richland in 13:23. Richland was Florida indy wrestler and FMW star Jimmy Backlund. He was a replacement for Kerry Von Erich. Chris said, "When was the last time you saw Backlund work as a babyface?" I replied, "When was the last time you saw him in anything under a * match?" Backlund juiced from a piledriver and I immediately could see him getting chewed out backstage for it but it was legit as the night before he had wrestled Pat Tanaka on an ICWA card in a Tampa street fight and juiced like crazy. None the less he was pulled from the rest of the WWF Florida swing. Heirn won it with a reverse DDT. 1/2*

Main Event

Mr. Madness beat Jake Roberts in 4:30 with the worst elbow from the top rope you'll ever see. Savage had no mask and looked real bad. He looks like Lanny Poffo. Jake wouldn't take bumps on his back. After the bout, Randy took the mic and said, "This is only page 1." If that's the case, I don't want to read the rest of the book. -**

5th Match

The Berzerker beat Chris Walker when he reversed a flying body press in 5:25. I sure hope Walker wasn't included in that steroid test. -*

6th Match

Undertaker pinned Hacksaw Duggan in 6:51 when Taker hit him with a chair outside the ring and rolled him back in where he pinned him. Paul Bearer wasn't at ringside. Duggan is so....oh, why bother. Dud

Tag Team Match

Legion of Doom beat Natural Disasters in 7:54. Hawk took some nice bumps but that was all that was good in this one. Disasters had the advantage and decided they didn't want the belts so they threw the ref out of the ring for the DQ. Makes no sense to me. Dud.

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Crowd was once again down from last show at 2,700.....They announced that Kerry was injured. There have been reports that Kevin was coming to Titan to join his brother. If that's true then Kerry was probably in Dallas helping Kevin find the airport. What a scary thought.....Thought it was interesting that the concession guys were selling tombstones in the stands.....They announced the 1/7 Daytona show which is a taping with Hogan-Flair bout headlining. By then I'll be able to call the match move for move. Vince did this all wrong.

WRESTLE ROCK '91

Sunday, November 24, 1991
Finky's Nightclub
Daytona Beach, FL

Opening Match

Coconut Man beat Tex Sallinger in 15:00 when he was awarded the bout after the time limit expired. Coconut Man use to be Coconut Kid so I guess he reached puberty. Sallinger checked the ceiling before giving Coco a suplex as it was kind of low. 3/4* only for the many near falls in the last three minutes.

Ladies Match

A.J. Watson pinned Penelope Paradise in 10:11 after a DDT. This was bad. Watson needs some experience. Penelope tried to get heat but there was more of a chance of Zinger getting married. On her way back to the locker room she said, "I'm glad I'm not staying in this town, your all a bunch of deadbeats. 1/2*"

Light Heavyweight Championship

Pat Tanaka "won" the title from Jerry Flynn in 5:19. I quoted the won because Pat already has the belt. Jimmy Backlund came to the ring with his arm in a sling (also suffered a legit seperated shoulder in bout with Skinner in Orlando when he was thrown out of the ring.) and said Flynn would defend the title for him. Backlund was the only one to seep heat from this crowd. Cheap stuff though. Ref Micky Jay at one point told him to go easy. He called a black kid Sambo and told him to come shine his shoes. That's garbage. He told one lady he would kick her in the face and she responded, "It wouldn't be the first time". Jimmy said, "It shows." Flynn charged the corner but Pat met him with a savate kick and pin. Best bout on the card. **

4th Match

Dick Slater beat Steve Collins in 6:31. Collins works alot of indys in south Florida. He was managed tonight by Abudadein who was the snake charmer for Sullivan back in Sully's Satan days. He threw his boot in the ring but Dick grabbed it and put it on his fist and ko'd Collins with it for the win. 3/4*

5th Match

Kevin Sullivan beat Lou Perez in 6:34. Some decent brawling by Kevin including smacking Lou with a bar stool and tray. Also slammed his head into the speaker. Kevin got a good pop since he's from Daytona. He came out of the ring looking for a chair and I got off of mine and said, "Here you go Kevin." He said, "Thank you." Pow. He nailed Lou. Finish saw Perez sunset flip back in the ring but Kevin held on the ropes and sat down for the pin. *1/2

Main Event

Bam Bam Bigelow beat One Man Gang by dq in 7:15. OMG lost about 150 lbs. He's still big but looks weird. Bigelow was managed by Humperdink and had just had stitches removed the day before from his knee surgery. Match was bad. Gang pulled the ref in the way of Bammer's charge in the corner for DQ. Dud

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There were 90 people in the bar but it was a non wrestling crowd.....Gang's wife and kid were there. She's a little demure woman. Hard to believe she's married to him but hey look at Earthquake and his China doll.....Woman (Nancy Sullivan) was working the T-shirt and hat booth. Ah, the wonders of indy wrestling.....The ring was only 6 inches off the floor so not alot of thrown guys out of the ring.....Someone is working someone. When Pat Tanaka was asked about his Global gig, he claimed it was the first he heard about it....Thanks to Penelope for the "back door" free ride. Zinger will have fun with that one.

 RAMBLINGS

Since the Clash was so long ago and Survivors was something I soon forget, if I have room in this column I'll give you some tidbits on each show....The story line for the upcoming WWF PPV's concerning the WWF title changes quicker than angles in soap operas. The new scenario has something happening this "Tuesday in Texas" (Bet you had a hard time figuring out the name of that PPV during Survivors didn't you?) during the Hogan-Undertaker rematch to hold up the belt until the Royal Rumble in which the winner of the Rumble gets the strap. The winner will be Ric Flair setting up the Hogan win at Wrestlemania. Forgive me but I always thought Vince was pretty smart but boy did he play his hand with Flair way too early. Who is going to even care by then. Who cares now?.....Hogan suffered a legit neck injury at Survivors and is hurting but made the MSG show on 11/30 vs. Flair in front of 15,000. Harry White figures Hulk got injured when he shot up after the first tombstone piledriver which he didn't sell. Harry figures it was whiplash.....Lex Luger and WCW almost parted ways last week. Luger was contacted by Titan through one of their workers as Vince wanted Lex to come in. At the same time, WCW wanted to diminish Harley Race's role and Luger used that as the reason he would quit. WCW relented and is continuing to use Race as they have. So Luger's excuse got thrown through the window. His contract is pretty iron clad anyways. WCW gave him everything he wanted. But he'll be gone A.S.A.P. when his contract is up.....Look for Vince to raid someone from WCW. I'm sure the Steamboat situation isn't sitting very well with McMahon. Talk is the Steiners are not happy at all. Especially since they were promised the tag belts once Scott got back. They have a year and a half left on their contract and that's probably how long the Roadies will be WWF tag champs if you get my drift..... Thanksgiving night at the Omni drew 3,300 with the best match seeing Eaton & Arn Anderson going to a 45:00 draw with Steamboat & Rhodes.....Jushin Liger debuts Christmas night at the Omni. Other cities he'll be hitting include Dallas and Baltimore.....Rick Martel is seeing limited action (mainly SWS in Japan) due to some liver damage. Wonder what that was caused by.....TBS over the next couple of weeks will be showing alot of house show footage. Seems they don't have enough bouts taped to air so we'll see some hot action from the arenas. I know the last four bouts on the 11/27 Baltimore card were taped. That show drew 1,100 as Luger pinned Steiner with his feet on the ropes. I'll have a full report next ish.....Steve Austin missed a few shows last week due to the flu. Richard Morton missed some spots as well but not sure why..... Former WCW head referee Tommy Young is filing suit against Tommy Rich and Center Stage. Young was injured and suffered severe spinal injuries which ended his career when the lights went out during a match involving Rich. Right about the time the lights went out was when the ref bump was to take place. I don't see how he can blame Tommy for the mistake but Center Stage is sure at fault. He is looking for \$25,000 in damages.....Independant and Japan tag team the Black Hearts have split up. Tom Nash trademarked the name and may use indy wrestler Dave "Mr. Everything" Johnson as his new partner....LPWA taped on 11/30 in Jackson, TN in front of 300 people. The highlight was actually something that happened outside the ring as between the 2nd and 3rd matches, a Dan Haggerty looking fan climbed over the barrier, took off Jim Cornette's head set (at ringside commentating) and said something about penis size (and other non-printable comments). Cornette went into a rage and had to be restrained by Joe Pedicino, Steve Beverly, the ring announcer and a few others. Security was no where to be found. They finally threw the guy out only to have him get back in until finally they arrested him.....Piledriver Promotions are putting on a show at Memorial Hall in Kansas City on 12/28 with Bob Orton, Butch Reed, Scandor Akbar, John Tatum, Rod Price, Honkey Tonk Man, Kamala, and Bulldog Bob Brown among others.....Dick Slater meets Mondo Kleen for the IWF title in Leesburg, FL on 12/14.....IWF still alive and kicking despite many mortuary stories. For how long though is anybody's guess.....WCW, please keep Jerry Jarrett in Memphis. I for one can do without him having anything to do with WCW. You think Herd has some crazy ideas. Look at the garbage Jarrett has done. Late word is it won't happen.....Count Cheryl (my wife) among those that hated the snake-Savage angle. Especially when she saw that kid crying. I of course didn't mind it too much although it was quite graphic. Like Klone said, if it was Eddie Gilbert that booked it, the hardcore would be going nuts..... Tommy Rogers who was the Southern Champ for Suncoast Pro showed up to the 11/23 tapings a little late and then demanded to go on early. When his wishes weren't granted he left and they announced that Superstar had beaten him for the title in Orlando. Boy, I must have missed the ad for that one.....The Jake Roberts legal problem that occurred in Daytona a couple of years ago was finally cleared up. They gave him one year probation but since he's been on it since the case, his time is up already. So the Snake is once again on the loose..... Tasteless Line Of The Week goes to Klone. During the Survivor Series when we speculated on why Vince would bring in Kevin Von Erich to join his brother (he's

THE MAN YOU LOVE AND THE MAN YOU LOVE TO HATE
by K.C. O'Connor

The wrestling world is full of men that are underrated and overrated. Terry Taylor, Bobby Eaton, and Bill Kazmier and Oz are men who fall into these categories, respectively. Probably the two most written about are Cactus Jack and Van Hammer. Cactus is everyone's newest darling in the ring while Hammer matches have started a debate whether or not the souvenir stands should sell barf bags. But is it possible that we are so conditioned to hating green guys and worshipping anyone that will juice and wield a chair that perhaps we have misjudged these two men? Is it at all conceivable that Cactus is actually the one who is (ulp!) overrated, while Van Hammer is the one who is really (Gasp!) underrated? Please, before contacting the N.C. Lynching Committee, consider the following thoughts.

During the September card in Greensboro, the opener was Van Hammer, B.V. (before vaseline), against Zan Panzer. The match was embarrassing to watch and could be a viable excuse for the drop of 1,000 in attendance for the Oct. card. True, everyone from the smartest hardcores to the people who believe Spam out of the can is a delicacy, hated Hammer. Even Tony Gillam wanted to talk about his new tuxedo rather than watch the match. I know, blame him. But at this point Hammer had wrestled less than a dozen matches. He threw a couple of clotheslines and suplexes, didn't sell anything, and finally got the pin. But can we fault Hammer for being green? Even Sayama, Flair, and Casas were once green. No one puts on a pair of boots and tights and has a four star bout the first time. Hammer didn't sign himself, he doesn't sign his own paychecks, that are promised to come in the six figure range this year, nor did he give himself the big push. There is also some serious doubts that he produced his video too. Hammer is only guilty of not being ready. Sure, he has no right being there, but how many of us would turn down that kind of money and exposure if offered? Hammer is, "getting the most while giving the least," something many wrestlers have made a career and fortune doing. Hammer may be one of the smartest guys in WCW.

Cactus Jack's return to WCW has renewed interest for hardcores following Flair's departure. On this card Jack had the chance to work with Bobby Eaton, a dream match on paper. But after several weeks of thought, it seems that maybe we are to Jack as Apter was to Luger 5 years ago. During this match we had enough time during one of many restholds to sing "Happy Birthday," to Bobby for Jim Cornette. Trying to compare Jack to Bobby, would be like comparing the millions of guys playing pick up games on neighborhood basketball courts around the country, to the immeasurable talent of Michael Jordan. Bobby, like Jordan, can do it all, and usually does, from the high flying, the brutal brawling, the flashy highspots, and possesses the ring psychology that makes us believe he is near paralysis. Cactus, like the guys at the playground who can stuff the Hell out of the ball while maybe throwing in a mid air turn, or a pass between the legs, still lacks many basic skills. Jack is mostly Highspot, highspot, resthold, highspot...etc. He seldom can keep things going between his death defying bumps that at least would keep us in suspense. Jack has his following, and is reason enough to buy a ticket, but he still has a ways to go before he is deserving of the respect that a Sean Michaels, Terry Funk, or even Bobby Eaton have earned.

Now realize that in no way am I insinuating that Hammer deserves the adoration of any fan while Jack should be scorned, but have we made a mistake concerning these two men? Are we too hard on Hammer while being too in awe of Jack to raise a doubt about his performance? As hard as it is for some of us, it's time to admit, we may be wrong.

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NOTES FROM THE PARKING LOT

by,
Marianne Ryan

I trust by now everyone has recovered from the annual turkey overdose. I also was forced to deal with the Bears throwing away two games in less than one week. It was also a week where the Addams Family was the top movie, so it seems perfectly logical to me that the Undertaker is the new WWF champ. He's creepy and he's cooky, mysterious and spooky, he's altogether ooky-he's the new champ.

The weekend before Thanksgiving, I had the pleasure of traveling over 600 miles with Sensational Sherri. We went from Indianapolis to Evansville to Terre Haute to Indianapolis to Chicago. What fun. The Evansville and Chicago shows had packed houses with Hogan-Flair as the main event. Terre Haute and Indy were actually pretty lame attendance-wise with Flair-Piper headlining. You can draw your own conclusions about that.

Security for the Hogan-Flair shows was tight. Apparently, the office was concerned with large crowds of people hanging around backstage. Most of these people, or so the office believes, are ignorant of the ways of the wrestling business and therefore would not understand it if they saw, say, Ted DiBiase talking to Virgil. And if they couldn't handle that, imagine what would happen if they saw Hogan talking to Flair.

I got a chance to spend some time backstage for the shows in Terre Haute and Indy. Following his match with Flair, Roddy Piper, huffing and puffing his way back to the dressing room, admitted that Flair is running him ragged. Tito was glad to be back after having a five month vacation. He said this was the first time his mother came to visit that he was home. Warlord and Barbarian are hoping that the persistent rumors that the Powers of Pain are going to reunite are true. Neither one has had any success in solo competition, but they make a dynamic tag team combo. Plus, they truly miss working together. The Nasty Boys look like they just don't care anymore, but that could be simply that their recent opposition has been the Bushwackers. Pay-per-views are becoming a family affair for Bret Hart. Last Survivor Series, his brother Bruce attended. Bruce then joined mom and dad for SummerSlam. This Survivor Series had Bret's wife and his brother Wayne cheering him on.

Backstage rumblings heard: "now that the steroid testing has begun, can you imagine how funny _____ (fill in the wrestler of your choice) will look?" Also..."is it me, or do you detect an attitude change in Bret since he's won the belt?"

Macho award of the month goes to Earl Hebner who took a chair to the head courtesy of Roddy Piper during a match in Terre Haute. In Indy, nine stitches and a day later, Earl was back in the ring taking bumps again. Honorable mention goes to Ted DiBiase for taking a shot from Sherri that was a little more potent than intended.

Finally, what a fitting way to cap off a wild wrestling week-end, but to spend a couple of days with Sherri. Everyone was off Monday and Tuesday before SS, so Sherri and I went out, did some shopping, and she came over for dinner. We arrived to a message from Ted wondering why he hadn't been invited. It was a lot of fun, and Sherri cooks up some tasty veggies.

As for Survivor Series, I of course, have yet to see it, but I have a tape of it waiting for me, and I have been invited to watch this next pay-per-view at a friends, so I'll reserve comments until then.

It really is hard to believe another year has gone by. Let's hope during the next week I can think of something profound to say for the Annual. Until then...

SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

THE GLOBALDOME (Dallas, Texas) 11-29-91. GWF TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKENDS OF 12-14-91 AND 12-21-91. GWF MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING (12-14-91): Bull Pain over Sam Houston..The Lightning Kid over Brian Costello..Wild Bill Irwin over Sweet Daddy Falcone..The Patriot over Scott Anthony..GWF MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING (12-21-91): Sam Houston over Bull Pain..Gary Young over The Winner Barry Horowitz..Chaz over The Lightning Kid..John Tatum & Rod Price over Steve Simpson & Scott Putski..GWF MAIN EVENTS (12-21-91): The Patriot over Sweet Daddy Falcone..Jerry Lynn over Buster Blackheart..Tug Taylor & Terry Garvin over The Dirty Davis Brothers..ALSO TAPED: The Lightning Kid over Ben Jordan..The Patriot over Buster Blackheart..Scott Anthony over Jerry Lynn..NEWS AND NOTES: This show was booked entirely by Eddie Gilbert, so obviously a lot went on. Let's take it show-by-show.(GWFMLW12-14): The show opens with Joe Pedicino, Craig Johnson, Max Andrews, & Marcos Villas announcing, in a 7:00 segment, that Andrews was not and had not ever been "The Boss". It was explained that Andrews was working undercover for the GWF in an effort to infiltrate "The Cartel". Pedicino admitted that he almost accidentally exposed the covert operation with his taped conversation revelation of a few weeks back. This, incidentally, effectually kills "The Cartel" gimmick as Pedicino announced that Mahkan Singh had been "banned for life" (read between the lines), Rip Rogers & Cactus Jack had "fled to another promotion" (a shoot), and Scott Anthony had been "placed on probation" (he's staying)..Pain's victory came only after Samantha sprayed Houston in the eyes with an unknown substance..Kid's victory was impressive as usual..Akbar's botched interference allowed Irwin to beat Falcone..Anthony failed to use his "international object" in time to avoid The Patriot's pin..(GWFMLW12-21): Baby Doll debuted by running in to neutralize Samantha in Houston's victory..Winner continues to demand that a clip of his lone pinfall victory be shown despite his amassing losses..Kid performed the old Japanese salt ceremony prior to his match with Chaz. Kid then tossed the remaining salt into the eyes of Chaz to get the pin. Jerry Lynn ran-in and tattled to the ref who disqualified Kid. Lynn & Kid then went at it with Lynn putting Kid to sleep. Lynn then laid the Light Heavyweight Title strap across a prone Kid and left him asleep in the ring. The Davis' helped Kid to the dressing room..Akbar distracted the ref allowing Falcone to sneak attack Simpson and put Tatum on top for the pin. Putski looked good in his debut but needs to improve his mic work..(GWFME12-21): Lynn's victory was with the sleeper..The tag team match was in a cage with Chaz being the "keeper of the key". As they hit the 8:00 mark, The Lightning Kid came to ringside and glommed an unsuspecting Chaz with a vicious potato shot with an unpadded steel chair. The blow raised a knot on the back of Chaz's head. Kid then attempted to toss a chain into Tom Davis but was intercepted by Taylor who used the chain to get the pin. Jerry Lynn again ran-in and put Kid to sleep. They are obviously building up to a feud with Lynn and Kid over Kid's succceptability to the sleeper (God, I hope they don't call it "The Weaverlock"! Are you listening Eddie?)..OTHER NEWS AND NOTES: Expect a very interesting and strange angle to develop in the next few weeks involving The Patriot. Very "Batman-ish" in its plot..Terry Garvin & John Tatum were invited to Titan try-outs during their upcoming Texas swing. Garvin saw the handwriting on the wall (job city) and politely declined. Tatum gave it some thought but also bowed out..This was my last weekend as color commentator as Flamboyant Freddie Fargo will join Craig Johnson on the stick from here on in. He is very good and will do much better than I. I am looking forward to doing "Point/Counterpoint" on "Major League". I will really miss Dallas and will especially miss that group of fans. What a town and what a good bunch of people. I hope to return one day. Remember, "Point/Counterpoint" debuts in

THE LAST WORD...

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UNDER THE MUSHROOM

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Happy Holidays! I sincerely hope that each and every one of you has a sensational holiday season and the best possible new year!!! I want to publicly thank: Dave Meltzer, Teresa DeManie, Ron Lemieux, Dr. Mike Lano, Steve Beverly, and Jeff Mullins for making 1991 so wonderful for me. I also want to thank the three top writers in the newsletter world Jeff Bowdren, Lance Levine and Bruce Mitchell. These three have provided me with much inspiration this year, with both their writings and their resolution.

My gosh here I was ready to throw the dirt on WCW and declare them dead in the water, what a difference a day makes! I must admit I had just about given up on them. I had no interest in PN News, Van Hammer, Oz, El Gigante, Bill Kazmaier and the type of wrestling personality they seemed determined to push. I guess the Clash in Knoxville and the firing of Ric Flair were the finishing touches for me. Well allow me to say "I was wrong!!!". The interview Paul E made upon his return was the turning point for me. Add the acquisition of Ric Rude, the dismissal of so-called managers Lady Blossom, Alexandra York and the once impressive Teddy Long (my bet is on Vince getting Teddy and restoring him to prominence), the formation of the Dangerous Alliance, and last but certainly not least Ricky Steamboat. A hearty thumbs up to Jim Hend, Dusty Rhodes and anyone else responsible for these moves. I spoke to Paul E in Tampa and I mentioned that I missed his old style persona rather than this namby-pamby garbage he was playing with Missy. Think back to the Paul E we saw when he brought back the original Midnight to battle Bobby & Stan? Paul is capable of the best heel mgr persona in the business today. No knock to Jim Connette or Eddie Gilbert. Paul just comes off more heelish or nasty! WCW has a long way to go, just to get back to where they were but you must admit, they are on a roll. In a couple of days WCW returns to Melbourne, Fla and I will of course be there with Lemieux.

There was nothing special overall to say about the latest Survivors Series. Other than the Shawn Michaels and Marty Jannetty action the rest of the show was nothing to shout about. Ric Flair seems to have fallen in line, just one of the boys. Perhaps he was held back, for whatever reason I was disappointed in the first match. The second match was slug-o-nama, eight slugs capable of doing nothing and they did nothing. I was equally unimpressed by the title match and the last match. But Shawn Michaels and Marty Jannetty are as good as it gets in this country today in terms of wrestling talent. Thumbs up barely but Tues in Texas lies ahead.

Start the new year off right, get a Japanese tape source.

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Stoney Creek Democratic Club (MEWF) Pasadena, MD
 Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

November 15, 1991

1) Harley Watkins made The Psycho submit. F 2) Cry Baby Donnie pinned the Warlock. F 3) Morgus the Maniac over Glamour Boy Mark Aries. D 4) Barry Hardy & Bubba Monroe beat Rude Crew. C 5) Johnny Lawler beat Max Thrasher after hitting him with a roll of pennies. D 6) Lucifer pinned Hollywood Bob Star. D 7) AdrianHall beat Ramblin' Rich. C 8) Ricky Blues over Nick Parentino in the best bout of the night. B 9) Tom Brandi small packaged A.J. Fritzoid. C 10) Bob Star won a 20 man street fight battle royal. C

Knickerbocker Arena (WWF) Albany, NY
 Correspondent: Andy King

November 17, 1991

1) Chris Chavis pinned Skinner with a roll up in 9:20 after Keirn missed a charge in the corner. 2) Undertaker used the urn to beat Davey Boy Smith in 7:37. 3) Beverly Brothers over Bushwhackers in 12:39. 4) Mr. Savage Madness used a weak looking elbow drop to beat Jake Roberts in 4:25. 5) Bret Hart small packaged Barbarian (sub for Warlord) in 17:20. 6) Big Boss Man beat I.R.S. when he rolled up Rotunda while Mike was arguing with the ref after an apparent I.R.S. pin. 7) Nasty Boys used a foreign object to defeat the Rockers in 14:15.

Manatee Civic Center (Suncoast Pro) Palmetto, FL
 Correspondent: Shannon Rose

November 23, 1991

1) John Forest itched Poison Ivy. 2) Keno McKenzie beat Sonny T. 3) Dean Malenko over Superstar (Bob Cook) via count out. 4) Tommy Starr beat Jim "The Animal" Cooper. 5) Jumbo Berretta defeated Rico Frederico. 6) Alex G. beat Bobby Houston. 7) Firecat (Brady Boone) & Jerry Flynn won the Suncoast tag belts from Charlie Fields & Giant Outlaw. 8) Ian Weston over Rick Thames.

Rosemont Horizon (WWF) Rosemont, IL
 Correspondent: Dave Prazak

November 24, 1991

1) El Matador sunset flipped Col. Mustafa. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 2) Warlord pinned Greg Valentine after Greg couldn't hold a bodyslam and Warlord came down on top for the win. *** $\frac{1}{4}$ 3) Bret Hart clotheslined The Mountie off the top rope for a win. *** 4) Ted DiBiase & I.R.S. downed Virgil & Big Boss Man when Rotunda hit Virgil with his briefcase. *** $\frac{1}{4}$ 5) Nasty Boys beat Bushwhackers after Knobbs gave Butch a clothesline. * $\frac{1}{4}$ 6) Davey Boy Smith small packaged Barbarian. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 7) Hulk Hogan beat Ric Flair via count out. At one point, Curt Hennig handed Flair a pair of brass knucks and he hit Hogan with them but Hulk kicked out at 2. Intense heat. **** ATT: 14,000

Bayfront Center (WCW) St. Petersburg, FL
 Correspondent: Paul Spiegel

November 29, 1991

1) Big Josh, Mike Graham, & Aracnaman beat Tommy Rich, Terrence Taylor, & Tony Mella. 2) Madusa pinned Bam! 3) Big Van Vader over P.N. News. 4) Brian Pillman beat Lou Perez (sub for Steve Austin). 5) Cactus Jack downed Van Hammer. 6) Scott Steiner over Mr. Hughes. 7) Dustin Rhodes & Ricky Steamboat retained the tag belts beating The Enforcers. 8) Sting beat Rick Rude in a non-title. 9) Lex Luger beat Rick Steiner via DQ. ATT: 1,100

 LETTERS TO "AR"

Titles

Your columnist Marianne Ryan made an interesting comment in her last column. She said she was tired of WCW PPV's happening without any title changes. She also brought up the idea that PPV's are designed for title changes. This got me thinking about the importance of title changes in American wrestling. It really doesn't seem to me that the titles in WCW are all that important. Hell, when you have Chip the Fireman and Todd the Clumsy Fuck (stole that from Bruce Mitchell-nickname of the year.) as your U.S. champs, it sure does kill the legitimacy of the titles. The last time someone really tried to get an american title over as really important was when Shane Douglas beat Eddie Gilbert for the UWF TV title back in 1987. That was a big upset, as it changed Shane from a green rookie to a legitimate talent.

Right now, I'd say that the most important title in wrestling is the All-Japan Triple Crown. Every time it's defended, it's a big deal. Most of the Budokan main events of the last year have been triple crown defenses. Also, the wrestlers who go up against Jumbo Tsuruta usually have been fighting him

for months in tag team affairs, and the title shot is the "dream match" which Tsuruta always wins.

In contrast, WCW throws in a very good U.S. champ with an old Florida champ and calls it a championship "platinum" event. Yet this doesn't even draw 1,000 to the Greensboro Coliseum. People just don't perceive WCW as major league, and consequently, their titles and title changes don't mean a thing. Who cares which clown holds the belt when they are all clowns.

Andy Stowell
Pittsburgh, PA

Jay Zee Goes To The Clash

No breast. No dead bodies. No blading. Some steroids. Ricky Steamboat surprise appearance. Awesome Liger clips. Multiple Love Hot Babes in crowd. Bad constantly repeated milk commercials. Gratuitous Cactus Jack forehead. Missy. Paul E. Madusa on her knees. Clash Academy Awards nominations for Arn Anderson, for being in shock, flustered, and saying "He's just a man-he's just a man."; Jim Ross, for saying "Eric, are you there? I'm having trouble hearing Eric Bishoff."; Sting, while being seduced by Madusa, for saying "Where do you want me to go? Where are we going? Home? We're going home."; Dusty Rhodes as the booker with some decent ideas; Rick Rude, for saying, "Shut up! You son of a bitch!"; and Eric Bishoff, for looking incredibly geeky in his picture during the CNN parody, and for saying, "Sting has commo-dered an ambulance!"

Three stars.

Jay Zee says check it out.

J.Z. Travis
Woodstock, ONT

Clash

I was astounded to see such a decent match between Cactus Jack and Van Hammer. Very good out-of-ring work and back-to locker brawling. My favorite bout was P.N. News vs. Steve Austin because of skill and work rate. Paul E. made sure to knock Herd during his demented diatribe! Will we be subjected to more "Gimpy" Sting medical updates?

Anni Roberts
Easton, MD

Maranville Letter

Without gratuitously mentioning the name of a certain potentially over-exposed writer/dentist (by the way, did you know that he has an evil twin?), I must admit to comprehending and concurring with every anti-crypto-fascist sociological observation made by the most erudite George Maranville in the 11/18 issue. I am personally awaiting the day when a wrestling newsletter will accomodate those fans who do indeed seek reassurance, and desire that some semblence of order and control be restored to their wrestling related lives. Spare me the controversy. All I want is to be entertained. I hope that I have cleared up any confusion regarding Mr. Maranville's concise, yet candidly cryptic comments. Aside from that, I have no opinion.

"I knew Andy Warhol. I was a friend of Andy Warhol, and Senator - I am no Andy Warhol!"

By the way, I was quite thrilled to see Ricky Steamboat back in WCW. They even followed up the hype with a fine tag match, although Ricky really over-sells sometimes.

Vic Stanley
Lafayette, IN

OK, I don't really know what it means either...But here goes: Lano was an arbitrary choice, sort of without naming names & appearing to get on my own high horse, I made the letter a bit (too?) enigmatic and was trying to poke fun at high brow fans who think their opinions are gospel. I am always humored by people who reek of self-importance & call editors irresponsible whether it's a wrestling sheet or a daily newspaper. Hence my reference to dismissing all contributors who I don't agree with. In other words, and with no sarcasm, why doesn't every fan who has ever disagreed with something in a sheet start their own sheet? I'm all for freedom of expression (or excretion as the case may be) but if you (not "you" Ron) disagree with someone why heap so much emotional bullshit into it, i.e. calling editors irresponsible etc. The irony is these people claim to be the intelligentsia of sheetdom and open minded! Pleease!! In a nutshell, if some readers want only to reinforce already existing beliefs, let them start their own sheet/admiration society where they won't be bothered by other people's inferior opinions. I've had a bad week.

George Maranville
Lexington, KY

"AR"

Congratulations on another year of great ARs. I'm looking forward to the annual. Here's my completed questionnaire. It was not easy, especially the question asking to describe one's self. I asked some girlfriends and they

said pretty , funny, independant. I asked some men friends and they said beautiful, sexy, ornery, nasty, too f _ _ _ independant, funny, and a piss poor pool player. They don't even know the difference between three and fourteen. So I was close. I don't know where they got that "nasty" and "ornery" from. I think they must have had me confused with someone else with those two descriptions. As for my dream vacatíon, I have an aunt and uncle and cousins in Ocala and near West Palm Beach. And in between those places I see a little dot called Lake Mary. So, keep some strawberry Hagen Daz on hand because you just never know.....I might have to make a pit stop. Keep up the great job you are doing with "AR". You have terrific columnists who are consistantly informing and entertaining, as is their illustrious leader (when they can get him out of those exotic "dance" dens of iniquity)!

Marilyn Rundle
Gardiner, NY

RL- My door is always open. That goes for all you readers. If you are ever in Florida and want to hook up, let me know. Hey Marilyn, I've never been to any "dance" dens of iniquity.

Clarifications

Mike Lano wrote about an East Coast wrestling radio show host who uses the phrase, If one person says it, it's a rumor...if 2 people say it, it's a fact." Two clarifications: 1) Lano is talking about Rich Mancuso, co-host of the WFAN wrestling radio show in New York. 2) Mancuso uses the phrase as a joke, to point out how silly wrestling rumors are. Lano took Mancuso's words out of context.

Steve Meyerson
Brooklyn, NY

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not), Klon said, "The Von Erichs want to see if one of their dead brothers is in Paul Bearer's urn.".....The only two things (maybe three) I want to say about Survivors is they should have dedicated it to the people that survived watching it. Was that the cheapest ending you ever saw in the Flair-Piper series? The Bushwhackers should be happy. It's the first and probably the only time that their match was the best on a show.....Someone want to tell Gorilla Monsoon that Shaun Michaels is the one turning heel, not Jannetty. And tell him Michales was pinned while your at it and he didn't leave Marty alone.... Clash got a thumbs up from me mainly for the last hour and fifteen. Tag title match may get my match of the year (in the states of course.).....PLUGS: Ernie Santilli of Wrestling World magazine is interested in writing a feature on Wrestling Radio shows if response is strong enough. Hosts should send info, pics, tapes, etc. to Ernie c/o Lexington Library, 355 Lexington Ave. New York, NY 10017.....Speaking of radio shows, Cody Boynes goes back on the air starting Dec. 1st on Sundays between 8and 10p.m. WALE in Providence is the station and its 990 am on the dial. Phone numbers are (401)621-WALE and (508)676-WALE.....Dave Prazak puts out Wrestling Update Newsletter at \$1.00 per issue or \$3.00 for 4. Write Dave at 2278 Hidden Creek Ct., Lisle, IL 60532-1168.....CROW of P.O. Box 1712, Henderson, KY 42420 is selling the October WWF Oakland show with Flair-Hogan and Joel Goodheart's August show with Cactus vs. Gilbert 2 out of three for 16.00 money orders only. Raw footage tape.....Thanks to all for reading and we'll see all of you (hopefully) in a couple weeks with the annual. Please send in those letters and match results for the annual as we'll have sections for them in their.

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